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1. STATED ALL ARMY RESERVES SINCE 1948 BEING CALLED ACTIVE SERVICE  
FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST GUATEMALA IN UNION WITH NICARAGUA  
AND HONDURAS. TOLD MILITARY.  
ATTACHE FEW RESERVES BEING TRAINED WEEK-ENDS ONLY.2. SOURCE BELIEVES ACTION WILL BE DURING HOLY WEEK 29 MARCH TO  
5 APRIL.

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4. SOURCE BELIEVES TROOPS THREE COUNTRIES WILL ENTER GUATEMALA  
ALONG HIGHWAY FROM SALVADOR WITH NICARAGUA MAKING INITIAL ADVANCE  
AND SALVADORAN TROOPS POLICING BORDER AND GIVING REAR ECHELON  
SUPPORT. HE EXPECTS CAPITAL TO BE CENTER OF FIGHTING WITH HEAVY  
CASUALTIES.

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5. GUATEMALA AWARE PLANS BUT AFRAID MOVE TROOPS OUTSIDE AREA  
GUATEMALA CITY FOR FEAR ANTI-COMMIE UPRISEING. (FIELD COMMENT:

A. MILITARY ATTACHE CURRENTLY VISITING BARRACKS FINDS NO  
INDICATION ARMY PREPARING SUCH ACTION IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

B. FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND FOREIGN OFFICE PERSONNEL HERE  
DISCUSSING NECESSITY FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST GUATEMALA.

C. SOURCES AND INFORMANTS ARE REPORTING RUMORS, SPECULATIONS  
ETC. CONCERNING GUATEMALA SITUATION.)

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